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DARING, DELIGHTFUL AND DETERMINED WOMEN: A DAY WITH THE LADIES OF OLD TOWN.

Old Town San Diego State Historic Park

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Free, All-Ages Event

The 9th annual Ladies Day in Old Town San Diego State Historic Park will celebrate the everyday life skills, creative past times, and daily work chores of women that lived in early San Diego from 1821 to 1872. This year's event takes place on Saturday, June 2, from noon to 5 p.m. Don your favorite chapeau – historic, modern, or fanciful for the event. If you wear head wear that represents 1821-1872 you may participate in the historic hat contest for a small entry fee.

"Ladies Day in Old Town will showcase activities that are fun and educational for both children and adults," said Deanna Turton, volunteer chair of the event. "It is our hope that people will walk away knowing what it was like to live in San Diego in the mid-1800s and appreciate how the founding families mastered the life skills needed to survive and make a home for their families."

California State Park staff, volunteers, and specially invited volunteers will demonstrate the labors and leisure activities of Old Town's founding families -- 19th century games, crafts, hair styling, and dancing and much more.

This year, the park will be "unveiling" new exhibits in the patio area of the Casa de Estudillo. They are part of a larger project to refurbish the exhibits throughout the adobe. The goal of these exhibits is to help visitors better understand the adobe and the reasons it was preserved. What visitors see today is a building that was restored by Hazel Waterman in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Scheduled activities include:

- 11-1:30 A Children's Make and Take Hat Making Booth. Hats will be judged at 2pm
- 1:00 Presentation by Dydia DeLyser, author of *Ramona Memories*. Book signing to follow in Casa de Estudillo
- 2:00 Judging of the Historic Hat Contest. Entry forms available at the Visitor Information Center
- 1:00-4:00 Garden Tea in Casa de Estudillo. Cost \$10.00
- Featured through out the day:
  - tours of the native plant garden given by members of the Native Plant Society
  - plant sale
  - historic photography exhibit
  - traditional soap making and period cooking

BOOSTERS of OLD TOWN (BOOT) supports the event and other educational programs in the park.

Free parking is available in the CALTRANS parking lot off Taylor Street, one block from the park.

For more information call the Visitor Information Center at 619-220-5422 or visit the park website at [www.parks.ca.gov/oldtownsandiego](http://www.parks.ca.gov/oldtownsandiego).

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